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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the application being filed herewith, please amend the application as follows.

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

X If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. X If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.